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GURDIAL MALLIK: HINDU QUAKER

Last February, Gurdial Mallik, a Friend from India who had spent the past two terms as Resident Fellow at Pendle Hill, visited the West Coast, and Friends in California and Seattle had a chance to learn of his life and work in India. Those who heard him were struck by the quiet joy and integrity of this friend of Tagore and Gandhi. We were particularly interested to learn that he is the first Hindu (i.e., non-Christian) to be accepted as a member of the Society of Friends, and felt that his story would be of interest to all BULLETIN readers. While all may not agree with the points he makes in the essay that follows, we do feel it contains much food for contemplation. V.B.H.

Nearly twenty years ago, in response to the Inner Voice, I felt called to join the Society of Friends. Accordingly, I applied for membership in India. However, I was told that membership would require my "conversion" to Christianity, as the convention for a long time had been to admit only those who had a Christian background. Later on my request was considered by London Yearly Meeting and, in due course, I was taken into the fold.

In the meantime, I failed to understand why the convention in question was at all necessary. For had not George Fox himself, in referring to the life-changing experience which constrained him to follow the Eternal Christ rather than the man-made Church, said that he saw the Light, which was there before Saviour and scriptures were born? And, consequently, does it not stand to reason that the infinite light of God can never be summed up once and for all times in one single personage or prophet, however great he may be? To do this, indeed, would be to deny that the revelation of Truth or God is endless.

As a matter of fact, it is in the context of of this infinite and universal light of God that every prophet has to be equally honored and approached. And in doing so, no conflict of love or loyalty can ever arise. At least, such a clash has not as yet been born in my own heart and mind. That is why I am still both a Hindu and a Quaker.

This position, however, is looked upon in certain quarters as paradoxical and, perhaps, quixotic. But why I do not know. For in the ultimate, each of us is, first, a disciple of the Divine and only afterwards a fellow-pilgrim of all the other seekers of the Eternal Truth. Does not truth transcend all man-made frontiers? And

does not the soul of man find fulfillment in always aspiring after the Boundless Beyond? This is why neither in the Light, which we envision or worship, nor in the silence, through which we try to contact the Light, is there any sense of separateness, such as the Christian and the Hindu, the Moslem and the Jew. For in Him we are all basically one beneath all forms of thought and fetishes and philosophies and formularies.

— GURDIAL MALLIK

PLANS FOR YEARLY MEETING

Pacific Yearly Meeting will be held August 14-18, on the campus of Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon. Interim Committee will convene on August 13. Dinner will be the first meal on these days of arrival.

Linfield campus is small and pretty, with a commodious dining hall, several new dormitories, and good recreational facilities. Rooms are for two people, and beds will be made up; but guests must bring their own towels. Camping is possible in an open field next to the stadium, with the locker rooms available for showers, water, etc. There are no tables or benches, and no cooking fires allowed: bring portable gasoline stoves.

COSTS. Registration forms will be out in the June *Bulletin*, to be returned no later than August 1. Registration fee for those 12 and over is \$1. Other costs are as follows:

Board and Lodging (using college bed)

	4 days	5 days
Over 21	\$24.00	\$ 30.00
12-21	16.00	20.00
4-12	12.00	15.00
3 and under	6.50	8.00
Family maximum	80.00	100.00

Meals Only

	Over 21	12-21	4-12
4 days	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$ 8.00
5 days	18.75	12.50	10.00
Breakfast	1.00	.75	.50
Lunch	1.25	1.00	.75
Dinner	1.50	1.25	1.00

(No charge for meals for age 3 and under)

Lodging (in college bed): \$2.25 per person per night, regardless of age.

Camping: \$1.00 per car per night.

No fee for lodging will be charged for one or two young persons (under 21) who bring their own cot or sleeping bag and use the same room with two members of their family who have paid for lodging. The limit is 4 persons per room, and this reduction is available only in rooms assigned as family groups, adjoining or in with parents. Families with more than two persons who ask for the family maximum should bring cots or sleeping bags for all but two of the young people.

CONTACTS. Friends in charge of various aspects of the Yearly Meeting plans are as follows:

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Children's Program: University and Eastside Meetings, Seattle

— ALICE DART
Eugene Meeting

REPORT FROM WASHINGTON

BEN and MADGE SEAVER are serving as "Friends in Washington" this spring, after spending six weeks in New York at the Quaker United Nations Program. Below are excerpts from a statement made by Ben on April 10, in support of S. 777 to remove the \$10 million ceiling of appropriations for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. The Agency was established by Congress in 1961, and the statement, on behalf of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, was made to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"We realize that Congress was justified in keeping the effort small until it could be organized and begin to prove its worth. But the Agency has been working for 18 months now, and the time has come to provide an adequate annual budget.

Perhaps there is no need to emphasize the disparity between the current \$6.5 million budget for the ACDA and the almost \$50 billion budget for defense. But this comparison should not be forgotten. It is also meaningful to compare the Agency's budget with its task — a task which involves helping find the answers for some of the most baffling and crucial problems man has ever faced. And these answers must be found. The future of our country, and perhaps of humanity, depends on it. This is not a task that will be accomplished in a year or two. We are going

to need the ACDA for the duration, and Congress should plan accordingly. If Congress does not approve S. 777, it will indicate to many that it is either unrealistic in not recognizing the magnitude and extent of the problems involved, or that Congress is not yet committed to working for our Government's announced goal of general and complete disarmament in a peaceful world.

Since World War II our Government has spent half a trillion dollars for arms to protect its citizens from external threats, only to find that real security continues to elude us. As Secretary McNamara said last January 30th, even with a much larger U. S. strategic force, an extensive missile defense system not now developed, and a much more elaborate civil defense program, "we could not preclude casualties counted in the tens of millions."

In fact, it is inconceivable that such an arms race can continue indefinitely without coming to a disastrous end for us all... We have opened Pandora's box... There is no safety between where we are now and a completely disarmed world where national security is guaranteed by the world community and war has been replaced by justice under law.

How do we strike out in this new direction? What independent initiatives can we discover which, without endangering national security, can lessen tension, dispel distrust and break the vicious circle of the Cold War? The Arms Control and Disarmament Agency will need the most energetic support and encouragement from Congress adequately to untangle the social, psychological, economic, political, technological and military complex of problems involved.

RESEARCH

A primary responsibility of the Agency is comprehensive preparation for all stages of negotiations. Our Government must be able to enter into any negotiated agreements with full knowledge of all discernible implications and consequences. Such research is expensive: \$63,700,000 was recently provided for Geological Surveys, for example, and nearly \$24 million for forestry research, not to mention the nearly \$7.7 billion which the Defense Department hopes to spend for research and development in fiscal 1964... In the light of these figures, the \$15 million requested by ACDA for fiscal 1964 is pitiful, especially when it is realized that this is less than is spent by the Department of Defense every three hours.

EDUCATION

Another aspect of the Agency's work is interpreting to the people in our democracy what is involved in our Government's efforts toward a peaceful world. This task was specifically assigned to the Agency by Congress, and it should

include a steady stream of information through conferences, seminars, staff speaking trips around the country, briefing sessions in important centers, and publishing and distributing printed material. Such needs obviously require far more than the \$16,000 budgeted for printing and reproduction in fiscal 1963.

ECONOMICS OF PEACE.

...The economic welfare and future growth of my home state of California (which now receives 24% of defense contracts), and of the country as a whole, are very closely tied to the arms race. People still want disarmament. But we need help to plan for conversion to a peacetime economy. An ACDA is needed which can encourage industry, labor and state governments — perhaps by matching funds or other assistance — to undertake a thorough study of the problems involved in the process of change-over.

The past six weeks I have been in New York with the Quaker UN Program. At the UN one gets the sense of a new world trying to be born, with all the frustrations and stresses and strains such a great event is bound to produce. One becomes aware of an endless series of questions to which no one has very good answers. Some of these questions are being researched by university groups and private foundations, but much more needs to be done.

World disarmament is essential to a peaceful world, but the creation of that world also requires an alternative security system, and the institutional framework for international order in our constantly smaller, increasingly interdependent and rapidly changing world. We need an imaginative program of peace gaming to replace the war gaming to which we have devoted so much of our resources. No half-hearted effort will serve us here. But Congress and our country could take pride in an Arms Control and Disarmament Agency capable of tackling this job on a scale commensurate with the need.

— BEN SEAVER

FRIENDS REUNION IN MEXICO

The fourth Reunion of Friends in Mexico held at Ciudad Victoria, April 11-13, was a wonderful time of fellowship among Friends of various backgrounds. Victoria Friends welcomed with warm hospitality and "abrazos" visiting Friends from Mexico City, Ciudad Mante, Monterrey, Valle de Bravo, Kansas, Philadelphia, California, and from AFSC Work Projects in Mexico.

Theme of the conference was "Our Faith in Action," and Friends considered questions like: What is our faith? Do we have a message for our generation? Should our beliefs be manifested in both words and actions? What should be our

attitude and actions in situations of hostility, injustice, corruption and intolerance? Young Friends discussed the same questions in separate but equally earnest sessions.

In a joint meeting Friends of all ages enjoyed an address by Domingo Ricart, Spanish Language Professor at the University of Kansas (originally from the Catalan region of Spain), in which he amplified the Biblical admonition: "By their works ye shall know them." The Ricarts are deeply esteemed by Victoria Friends through their previous visits in Mexico, and particularly for their service as house-parents at the Casa de los Amigos in Victoria when it was being activated not long ago as a hostelry for students at the Normal School there.

Also addressing joint sessions was Anna Brinton, dearly beloved by Mexican Friends for her deep and long-standing interest in them, and for her wonderful insights and messages of inspiration. It was a doubly joyful experience to hear Anna Brinton giving her humorous yet inspiring words in quiet English, a few sentences at a time, followed by the golden richness of Heberto Sein's translation into Spanish as he stood by Anna's side.

It is thrilling to join in fellowship with Friends of northern Mexico, for these wonderful people are the latter-day fruit of the missionary efforts of Eastern and Mid-western American Friends which began in 1872. A decree of the Mexican government forced the withdrawal of American Friends in the second decade of this century, but through the years little bands of Mexican Friends, especially in Victoria and Matehuala, have remained true to their Christian faith. Their spirit and practice quickly convince the visitor that he is truly "among Friends."

I feel privileged to have been Pacific Yearly Meeting Representative to the Reunion, and to meet with Friends from our own Mexico City Monthly Meeting as well as with the others. I am deeply grateful to Friends for contributing to the expenses of my visit, and hope that there will be an increasing fellowship and exchange with all Friends in Mexico.

Our Teenage Friends Adventure this summer plans to pause for a few days' fellowship and work project in Ciudad Victoria, helping to make much-needed repairs at the Casa de los Amigos. The biggest hurdle is to secure funds for paint and other materials. If any Friends are moved to contribute toward the cost of these repairs, their checks (which may be made out in U. S. dollars), should be sent to: Elia Beltrán, Botica "Francia", J. B. Tijerina #306 Nte., Cd. Victoria, Tamps., México. Friends may write in English stating the purpose of the gift.

— KEN STEVENS
Delta Meeting



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WHAT PRICE QUAKERISM?

I agree with most of Betty's article, but Nan and I have also been members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and great searching and consulting together in a Yearly Meeting is needed before passing on to Monthly meetings commitments that in many cases meetings are unable to meet. In any case, a representative of a monthly meeting should consult first with his home meeting before trying to speak for them, though in a general way he can.

We are a young Yearly Meeting and a poor one, so I feel we should go easy on these expensive items, especially as we have schools to help, Meeting Houses to build, intervisitation among meetings, often at a distance, Retirement Home, etc., etc. Personally I favor the idea of the Yearly Meeting being a Clearing House, a consulting body. The monthly meeting is really the work horse, where things should be getting done,

— JOHN DORLAND
Orange Grove Meeting

I was glad to see the article It contains much that needs to be said. I hope Friends generally will take it to heart. Why do we become or remain Quakers if we do not accept the tenets of Quakerism?

— GRACE LAWRENCE
Corvallis Meeting

What Price Quakerism was very well written and deserves widespread interest. But I have to take exception to part of its first passage where she suggests that for our current projects, Friend in Washington and Friends in the Orient, our Monthly Meetings add \$4 to our regular quota of \$5 per member and send the \$9 to the PYM treasury.

Our Treasurer has stated again and again that "projects" are not part of our budget. They are "recommended" to the representatives for consideration of their respective Meetings and the amounts set as an aim to be reached. Checks for those purposes do not go to the Treasurer any more and contributions do not necessarily go through the Monthly Meeting budgets.

On the other hand, the \$5 quota is a member's

due, collected by the Meetings' treasuries and an integral part of their budgets (see Ruth Schmoë's reminder in the same issue). Amounts received are disbursed exclusively for our own activities.

This technical correction should not diminish the important emphasis on identification of ourselves with PYM.

— JOHN E. ULLMAN
La Jolla Meeting

I believe that the organization bug is a greater menace to our Society than "the extremes of individualism". It represents the "Martha" element which is "anxious and troubled about many things" — "current projects", "the preservation of historical testimonies", "the unique spiritual insights of 300 years" — and has little patience with "Mary" who sits at the feet of the Lord waiting on His word.

The Spirit, which is the essence of Quakerism, can only work through the individual and can neither be delegated nor represented officially at Yearly Meeting. Friends have never operated through democratic processes but through individual concerns and they have only received support in these from their fellows to the extent that they have fired them with these concerns. (The George Foxes, William Penns, Elizabeth Frys did not wait for Yearly Meetings "to implement their concerns".) Suppose for instance that a monthly meeting is fired with some concern by an individual member and sends a representative to communicate it to Yearly Meeting, and suppose that he or she is successful in making it the concern of the whole Yearly Meeting; then the other monthly meetings are still not bound by the "sense" of the Yearly Meeting except in so far as their representatives succeed in transferring the concern back to its individual members. (This I would say is "why the spirit present in Yearly Meetings is less clear in guiding our thoughts and actions than the spirit we seek in weekly meetings"; and this is where we really "dilute" modern Quakerism.) The definition of Yearly Meeting as a "consultative and service body, but not an authoritative, legislative or taxing body" would seem to me to be the correct one.

Martha and Mary are the eternal types which recur down the ages. They represent works and faith, the letter and the spirit, the lamp and the oil. Both are necessary, but in an organizational world, where results are the sole criterion of success, Martha seems to have things all her own way. She is the one who seeks to "speak truth to power through some recognized group"

(confront Goliath with the armor of Saul?) and she is at home in a world of committees, delegations, petitions and everything that concerns the distribution of the earthly bread. Beside her Mary cuts a sorry figure (as did the shepherd boy with his five smooth stones among the captains of Saul); silent (except in meetings for worship), withdrawn, she too often appears just negative or even positively uncooperative, a sort of spiritual Micawber waiting for something to turn up.

Like Saul she waits at Gilgal in an extremity of apprehension while the hosts of the enemy advance from all sides, but unlike Saul she does not break faith when Samuel (the Spirit) fails to materialize. The distribution of the heavenly bread is her concern, and all the reproaches of her sister will not deter her from waiting on Him who has promised to provide it. Finally, it is He and not she who answers those reproaches; "Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things; but one thing is needful: for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

— GORDON PETTER
Victoria Meeting

LETTER FROM THE ORIENT

Floyd Schmoe reports that the Friend in the Orient project is over its \$3000 goal. This means that the Bruners will be able to visit Friends in Hong Kong, which they plan to do in June, after a return trip to Korea in late May. Interim Committee asks Monthly Meetings to consider a continuation of the project next year, as recommended by the PYM Peace Committee and also by the Bruners, possibly in terms of providing financial assistance to the Earle Reynolds family, who are now living in Japan, for the purpose of inter-visitation.

Hiroshima, March 14, 1963

On the Children's Monument in the Peace Park are carved the words: "This is our only prayer: we want to make peace." When the children of Orizurukai heard that the Peking national circus, sent to Japan by the Chinese government as a goodwill gesture, was coming to Hiroshima, a seventh-grade girl member proposed that they ask the circus to perform for patients in the A-Bomb Hospital. We would have liked to see Orizurukai, in their school uniforms and red-green-and-white armbands, greeting the Chinese with paper-crane leis at the station. We could accept the invitation to go to the hospital, where, standing at the rear of a large crowd, we heard the strange, gay music and saw acrobatic feet over the heads in front of us. All the A-bomb patients able to be up were in the lobby, with

other patients, hospital staff, visitors and reporters. Afterward the performers went upstairs to visit patients confined to bed, while the director of the Hospital, Dr. Fumio Shigeto, introduced people to the circus manager. He spotted us and led us over, and we were glad of that little chance to shake hands and express human good will. (The circus, which we saw in the evening — acrobats, juggling, and magic — had breathtaking perfection and grace; but that is another story).

If we feel that the Japanese have much to forgive us, many Japanese feel that the Chinese have much to forgive them. Three sensitive men on different occasions have spoken recently to us of the atrocities committed by Japanese soldiers in China and the Philippines, and the guilt they feel. We were shown the book of confessions, *San Ko*, and considered buying a copy; but the illustrations are too horrible, and we can't read the text and won't ask anyone to translate. When we speak of guilt for Hiroshima and Nagasaki — and the fire-bombing of Tokyo — they say that, at least, was impersonal. It didn't have the hideous face-to-face cruelty Japanese soldiers were guilty of. It is said also that another element in Japanese forgiveness is Buddhism and the resignation it teaches. Hiroshima is one of the strongholds of Shinshu Buddhism, which teaches complete dependence upon grace. Nothing that you can do, from good deeds to rosaries, can help: you must depend entirely on Amida to bring you to salvation and bliss after death. Not all Buddhism is so passive: the Nichiren sect has now produced a militant organization, the Soka Gakkai, that is entering politics.

In Hiroshima there are two political organizations of "survivors," one with Liberal Democratic (Tory) connections, the other connected with Gensuikyo which has staged the massive rallies and demonstrations against nuclear bombs every August 6 (recently in Tokyo after proving too overwhelming for Hiroshima). Now after executive committee meetings at which agreement seemed to have been reached that Gensuikyo would oppose bomb tests by any nation, Communist members have repudiated the agreement, causing a deep split again between Communists on the one side and Socialists and Sohyo (trade unions) on the other. It seems to us very doubtful, to say the least, that approaches through Gensuikyo to the government for pension increases will have any chance.

One member of the local survivors' group connected with Gensuikyo with whom we talked in company with Barbara Reynolds expressed the undercurrent of hostility that does exist and for which the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission

is the whipping boy. If you read Jungk you find an account of the policies which aroused resentment before 1958. The policy of not giving treatment has now been changed. We had two rewarding talks with Dr. Lawrence R. Freedman of Yale University, head of the medical department since August. According to the A.B.C.C. summary report in 1958 (the latest available), there was a radiation-connected increase in cancer, leukemia, and cataract, and in small-headed babies among those *in utero* at the time of the bomb. There was also a change in the sex ratio of babies born to the irradiated. It will be decades before genetic damage to descendants can begin to be assessed. As of right now Dr. Freedman says that as a physician he would not advise against marriage and children for survivors. Leukemia cases are declining (because the leukemia patients have already died, says Earle Reynolds), but thyroid cancer is increasing. Dr. Shigeto of the Red Cross A-Bomb Hospital says it is his "clinical impression" that cancer of the liver is developing at a faster rate among survivors than among others. The two A-bomb hospitals were equipped to treat leukemia patients, and now find themselves with inadequate facilities to meet the change to other forms of cancer.

As Dr. Freedman remarked, if nuclear bombs are dropped they will be so much worse than the ones dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki that the research being done here can have no application; and by the time we had taken account of all the scientific checks and double checks and reservations, we began to wonder about the real value of all the research, the room full of cards and the electronic calculators. We agreed with him that decisions on war and peace are moral and are made irrespective of A.B.C.C. research.

When we called on Dr. Tatsuo Morito, retiring president of Hiroshima University and chairman of its Peace Science Institute, Earle Reynolds' major project, he said the same thing. He used the word "humanist," but he meant what we meant when we said moral and religious. Science can serve the cause of peace as it has served war, but it cannot make peace.

On the cenotaph in the Peace Park is written, "Sleep in peace. We shall not repeat the mistake." With children like the members of Orizurukai growing up, it could be that we shall be able to keep that promise.

— CATHERINE AND DAVID BRUNER

FOR RENT to Friends family: Fully furnished home. June 15 — Aug. 30. Write Clarence Lack, 963 Lawrence Lane, Palo Alto. Adv.



BIRTHS

- On December 31, to IAN and MAUDE ROSS (Vancouver Meeting), a daughter, Isla.
- On January 10, to RUTH and GEORGE BABB (Sacramento Meeting), a daughter, Carol Patricia
- On February 14, to SUE and ANDY MARCH (University Meeting), a daughter.
- On April 1, to LARRY and MARIAN JONES (Santa Monica Meeting, now living in McMinnville, Oregon), a daughter, Robin Lynne.

MARRIED: On March 15, DARREL TOEWS (Multnomah Meeting) and Linda Rainey.

DEATHS

— On February 16, ADA WARDLAW, former member of Palo Alto Meeting who in recent years had worked with the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and other Friends groups in Michigan and New York. A memorial service was held in Palo Alto on February 24; and a committee of Friends in Washington, D. C., Ann Arbor and Palo Alto has been formed to set up a Memorial Fund in her name.

— On March 21, HARRY BURKS, member of Eastside Meeting and Executive Secretary of the Seattle AFSC office, died as a result of an automobile accident. The Bulletin is indebted to several members of Eastside Meeting for the following notes about him.

After graduation from Vanderbilt University in Electrical Engineering, he registered as a conscientious objector in 1942. This act led to his becoming a Friend and working with the American Friends Service Committee, which he served in Norway, France and Mexico before coming to Washington. Many community efforts in the fields of Peace Education, Indian Education, C. O. Counseling, and his own Hilltop Community received his thoughtful and creative assistance. This same type of devoted service led to Eastside Friends' acquiring property and building their Meeting House in the woods he loved so much. Below are some of the many tributes from those who knew him:

"Harry had the ability to be close to many people. . . he loved the world, he loved people, and he was an optimist about life. . ."

"He seemed to have a faith in the rightness and fitness of things, and a faith in nature. He was in charge of building in his community a 'nature trail' that didn't go anywhere, but was there only so that its beauty could be enjoyed."

"Harry spent his life throwing out anchors to people. . . He had a rare capacity for blending himself into the lives of others. The warmth of his humor delighted my soul."

"There is that of God in every man, but there seemed to be uncommon much of it in Harry."

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and their three young sons, Christopher, Phillip, and Eric. Memorial services were held on March 30 in both Seattle and Portland. A Memorial Fund in his name has been established at the Seattle AFSC Office.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST FELLOWSHIP. "Nearly 100 Southern California and Arizona Friends met for worship and fellowship in the beautiful mountains near Yucaipa, California at Pilgrim Pines Camp over February 16-17. The Fellowship drew four carloads from Phoenix and one from Tucson. Dominated by casual conversation and silent strolls, the Fellowship also had some more structured goings on. These included a business meeting, worship-fellowship groups, a talk by Ray Hartsough on Rufus Jones, and a Meeting for Worship. Over forty teenagers held their own lively program, joining the adults for some activities. Concern was expressed over the absence of Friends from New Mexico, and a proposal made that they might meet in the fall in Arizona, to make attendance easier for these Friends. This eight-year-old yearly event provides opportunities for Friends to share in a relaxed atmosphere deeper fellowship, worship and concerns which we all feel are especially beneficial for our scattered Meetings.

— From notes by HELEN NEPTUNE (*La Jolla Meeting*) and CHARLES CRONINGER (*Los Angeles Meeting*)

WALLA WALLA, WASHINGTON now has a small Friends worship group meeting regularly, reports Melody James. Charles James is working there now and attending, as are the ByronHunts and a few students.

MARSHALL SUTTON, Mid-West Representative of the Friends World Committee, has been visiting Friends on the West Coast during the past two months, speaking and showing slides on "Friends Around the World." He made the significant comment that in recent years, Friends from various traditions have been able to go beyond their surface agreements to serious discussions of their differences, in a way that will hopefully increase understanding and cooperation among the divergent Friends groups.

A CORRECTION: Floyd Schmoie writes that Blasio Mashelle, the Quaker student from Kenya mentioned in the February *Bulletin*, is not in need of funds but rather of a sponsor and acceptance at a school in this country.

SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM. In addition to a course on Crime and Punishment taught by the Director, Hal Blickenstaff, the 1963 Friends Secondary Summer School will have two other courses — Personality Development and Crises in Communication, both given by Paul Davis, of Salem Meeting, who teaches social studies at Dallas, Oregon, High School. Counselors will be John Etter and Nina Dodd, and Vanita Meyer will be cook-dietitian, with Rosemary Goodenough, Monte Steadman and others serving as resource persons. The program will also include worship, study, crafts, dramatics and recreation, plus a work project to help the John Woolman School. Trips are planned to nearby places of historical and scenic interest, and also to mental and penal institutions.

YEARLY MEETING APPOINTMENTS. At Interim Committee Meeting in Berkeley on March 23, the following Friends were appointed as representatives from Pacific Yearly Meeting:

— SUZANNE SEIN (Mexico City Meeting) to the United Nations Conference on the Status of Women, in Bogota, Columbia.

— HAROLD and FAITH CARSON (Eastside Meeting) as fraternal delegates to Five Years' Meeting, Richmond, Indiana in July. FERNER NUHN and possibly MARGARET SIMKIN plan to attend, and were also approved as PYM delegates.

— MARSHALL and/or MEG PALLEY (Berkeley Meeting) to the FWCC Conference on Race Relations at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. in June. CAROLINE ESTES and BETH SANDERS were named as alternates.

In addition, Interim Committee approved the travel minutes issued by the Clerk for: BEN and MADGE SEAVER as "Friends in Washington" and at the United Nations this spring; the LESLIE SPELMAN family for travel in Europe; and KEN STEVENS as fraternal delegate to the Reunion of Friends in Mexico in April. (See elsewhere in this issue for Ken's report on this.)

CLAREMONT MEETING held a Ground Breaking Service in February for their new Meeting House. Beginning 22 years ago as a Wider Quaker Fellowship group of three people, Claremont was sponsored and encouraged by Orange Grove Meeting until the Meeting grew strong enough to become a separate Monthly Meeting in 1953. Since that time they have met in Balch Hall, Scripps College, where they found themselves requiring more and more room for their growing membership, and eventually to find a site for building a Meeting House of their own, which they hope to complete by this fall.

LOS ANGELES MEETING will also have a new Meeting House. They have purchased a home at 4167 South Normandie Avenue which will be transformed to serve the needs of the Meeting.

NEW DIRECTIONS FOR FRIENDS

— ALURA DODD (University Meeting) attended a workshop on Quaker Dialogs in March, under the auspices of the Friends World Committee.

— GERTRUDE and HERBERT BOWLES (Honolulu Meeting) sailed for the mainland early in April for an extended visit with friends and family across the country. Later they plan to visit Australia and New Zealand, and then go on to foreign service work, perhaps in Africa.

— CARL THATCHER (Eugene Meeting) and MARILYN SCHOOL (Tacoma Meeting) have both been chosen to participate in the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage to England and Ireland this summer. Funds are needed for Carl's expenses and may be sent to Harold Barton, Treasurer, Eugene Meeting, Route 4, Box 319, Eugene, Oregon. Following the Pilgrimage, Marilyn will spend a year as exchange student at the Siebens Schule in West Berlin, under the AFSC School Affiliation Service.

— FRANKLIN ZAHN (Claremont Meeting) left for India in February to work with an FOR-sponsored community development committee of Gandhi's Sarvodaya Ashram in Batlagundu, South India. He will help building homes and other facilities for outcaste villagers.

REGIONAL MEETINGS

— WILLAMETTE QUARTERLY MEETING — Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. — 4 p.m., in Multnomah Meeting House, 4312 S. E. Stark st., Portland, Oregon. The meeting will have Norman Whitney as speaker.

— SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HALF-YEARLY MEETING — Sunday, May 12, 9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., at Santa Monica Friends Meeting House, 1440 Harvard Street, Santa Monica, California. The plenary session will consider: Conversations between Friends in California and Pacific Yearly Meetings, State of the Society reports, and concerns forwarded from Monthly Meetings and Pacific Yearly Meeting. Those wishing overnight hospitality are asked to write Miriam Swift, 3520 S. Cloverdale, Los Angeles 16, Calif.

QUAKER HOME wanted for nine-month-old (illegitimate) boy, of mixed racial background. Mother is unable to keep him, and would like to have him adopted by a Quaker family. For further information, write to Grace Cano, 2644 McAllister Street, San Francisco 18, Calif.

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EDWARD and RUBY DOWSETT, Friends from New Zealand, will be visiting Pacific Coast Friends from May 26 to June 7, under the auspices of the Friends World Committee, American Section. They have spent the winter term at Pendle Hill and attended several Yearly Meetings while here. Edward Dowsett has been closely associated with the New Zealand Council of Churches, and Ruby was the initiator and first editor of Round the World Quaker Letters for Children.

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FLORENCE HORNIG (San Jose Meeting) reports on the Seminar on the Practice of Nonviolence held in February: "A general consensus seemed to be one of satisfaction with a worthwhile weekend. A total of 137 people from all over Northern California attended, which in itself seems to show a very real and vital interest in the subject. Those present also felt the need for further study and discussion, and in the final session reference was made to 'when you do this again next year!'"

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